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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
California Department of Transportation
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Tulare County Association of Governments' 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 10

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed their review of the Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 10 submitted by your letter dated July 5, 2005. The amendment includes changes to the local and transit elements of the FTIP by adding or modifying projects in the following funding programs: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, Public Lands Highways and FTA 5311.

We approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*. We find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The approved changes made to the FTIP by this amendment do not result in the need to make a conformity determination. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of TCAG's 2004 FTIP Amendment No. 10 into California's 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. However, this approval does not constitute eligibility determinations for any specified funding program for any of the projects contained in this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Mayela Sosa, of the FHWA, at (916) 498-5022 or Alex Smith, of the FTA, at (415) 744-2599.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

Leslie T. Rogers
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